

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC
COMPANY under the Catastrophic Event
Memorandum Account (CEMA) for Recovery of
costs related to the 2003 Southern California
Wildfires. (U 902-M)

Application 04-06-035
(Filed June 28, 2004)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
CONCERNING PREHEARING CONFERENCE No. 1**

Background

On June 28, 2004, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) filed an application to recover \$37.6 million, the California jurisdictional costs associated with the 2003 Southern California Wildfires that Applicant believes to be in conformance with its Catastrophic Even Memorandum Account as authorized in its Preliminary Statement.

A Prehearing Conference has already been scheduled for 10 a.m., on August 17, 2004, at the Commission's San Francisco headquarters.

Required Preparation

A. Prehearing Conference Statements and Scheduling

In order to better inform the Commission on the scope of issues in dispute, interested parties are requested to serve a written Prehearing Conference Statement on the temporary service list on Friday August 13, 2004, prior to the first Prehearing Conference. To the extent possible, this service should be electronic, using as the temporary service list, SDG&E's currently pending

Application 02-12-028. In addition, electronic copies should be served Anne Premo, in the Energy Division at awp@cpuc.ca.gov. A new service list for this proceeding will be established at the Prehearing Conference.

SDG&E filed a proposed schedule with the application. Parties should also address their reasonable suggestions for scheduling with a view to a timely decision. Pursuant to Rule 49 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, SDG&E is directed to coordinate a meet and confer conference¹ in advance of the Prehearing Conference. This meet and confer is for the purpose of identifying topics and issues for inclusion in the proceeding, discussing whether hearings will be necessary, and if so, a proposed procedural schedule that includes dates for the service of testimony and hearings. Parties should also address discovery requirements and related scheduling.

The Office of Ratepayer Advocates was the only party that filed a protest, and it is to be included in the meet and confer. In addition, the Aglet Consumer Alliance and the Utility Consumers' Action Network are to be included.

B. Filing, Service, and Service List

There will be documents that parties will be directed to file and serve in response to rulings. These documents must be filed with the Commission's Docket Office. Please note that the Docket Office does NOT appear on the service list. If you are not familiar with the filing requirements, please review the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure for all of the filing requirements. These Rules can be found on the Commission's Website at www.cpsc.ca.gov.

¹ This meet and confer may be held telephonically, by e-mail correspondence, or by any method that is acceptable to the participants.

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IT IS RULED that:

1. San Diego Gas & Electric Company shall conduct a meet and confer conference in advance of the Prehearing Conference of August 17, 2004.
2. Prehearing Conference Statements shall be served on August 13, 2004, using the electronic service list for Application 02-12-028 where possible. Also, electronic copies shall be sent to awp@cpuc.ca.gov.
3. A new service list for this proceeding will be established at the Prehearing Conference.

Dated August 5, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ DOUGLAS M. LONG

Douglas M. Long
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Concerning Prehearing Conference No. 1 on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated August 5, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KE HUANG

Ke Huang

N O T I C E

Parties should notify the Process Office, Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2000, San Francisco, CA 94102, of any change of address to ensure that they continue to receive documents. You must indicate the proceeding number on the service list on which your name appears.

The Commission's policy is to schedule hearings (meetings, workshops, etc.) in locations that are accessible to people with disabilities. To verify that a particular location is accessible, call: Calendar Clerk (415) 703-1203.

If specialized accommodations for the disabled are needed, e.g., sign language interpreters, those making the arrangements must call the Public Advisor at (415) 703-2074, TTY 1-866-836-7825 or (415) 703-5282 at least three working days in advance of the event.